AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A tablet comprising less than 40 mg/g of active principle formed by direct compression of microgranules containing the active principle, wherein said active principle is attached as a coating to neutral microgranules and is not coated with an agent intended to modify its release or to mask its taste, and wherein said neutral microgranules are essentially spherical granules comprising between 62.5 and 91.5% of sucrose, the remainder being composed essentially of starch with a uniform size of between 100 and 2000 µm.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The tablet as claimed in claim ~~2~~ 1, characterized in that the size of the neutral microgranules is between 200 and 400 µm.

4. (Previously Presented) The tablet as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that its hardness is between 0 and 20 daN.

5. (Previously Presented) The tablet as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that its friability is between 0 and 1%.

6. (Previously Presented) The tablet as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that its disintegration time is less than 15 minutes.

7. (Currently Amended) The tablet as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it is composed of ~~an~~ said active principle attached as a coating to said neutral microgranules and of compression excipients in an amount of less than 1% by weight with respect to the weight of the tablet.

8. (Original) The tablet as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that it additionally comprises a lubricant in an amount of less than 1% by mass of the tablet.

9. (Previously Presented) The tablet as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the content of lubricant is between 0.125 and 0.75% by mass.

10. (Currently Amended) The tablet as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the amount of active principle is less than 10 mg/g ~~of system to be tableted~~ of the tablet.

11. (Currently Amended) A tableting ~~compression~~ premix for the preparation of the tablet according to Claim 1 containing:

(a) between 99 and 100% by mass of said microgranules containing ~~an~~ said active principle,

wherein said active principle is attached as a coating to said neutral microgranules and is not coated with an agent intended to modify its release or to mask its taste, and

(b) between 0 and 1% by mass of a lubricant,

which premix is intended to be subject to direct compression.

12. (Original) The composition as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the active principle attached as a coating to the neutral microgranules represents less than 4% by mass of the neutral microgranules.

13. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of the tablet as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it is obtained by direct compresssion of the composition as claimed in either of claims 11 and 12 by employing a compression force of between 5 and 50 kN.

14. (Previously Presented) The tablet as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the size of the neutral microgranules is between 200 and 600 µm.

15. (Previously Presented) The tablet as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the content of lubricant is on the order of 0.25% by mass.

16. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of the tablet as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it is obtained by direct compresssion of the composition as claimed in either of claims 11 and 12 by employing a compression force of between 10 and 30 kN.